



## McCracken Middle School

300 Webber Road  
Spartanburg, SC 29307

<b>Grades</b>	6-8 Middle School	
<b>Enrollment</b>	688 Students	
<b>Principal</b>	Margaret Peach	864-594-4457
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<b>Board Chair</b>	Lawrence E. Flynn, Jr.	864-594-4405

# THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2012 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD



## RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
<b>2012</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Good</b>
2011	Good	Average
2010	Good	Good
2009	Good	Average
2008	Average	At-Risk

## DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- At-Risk – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision

## SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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**Percent of Student PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating**

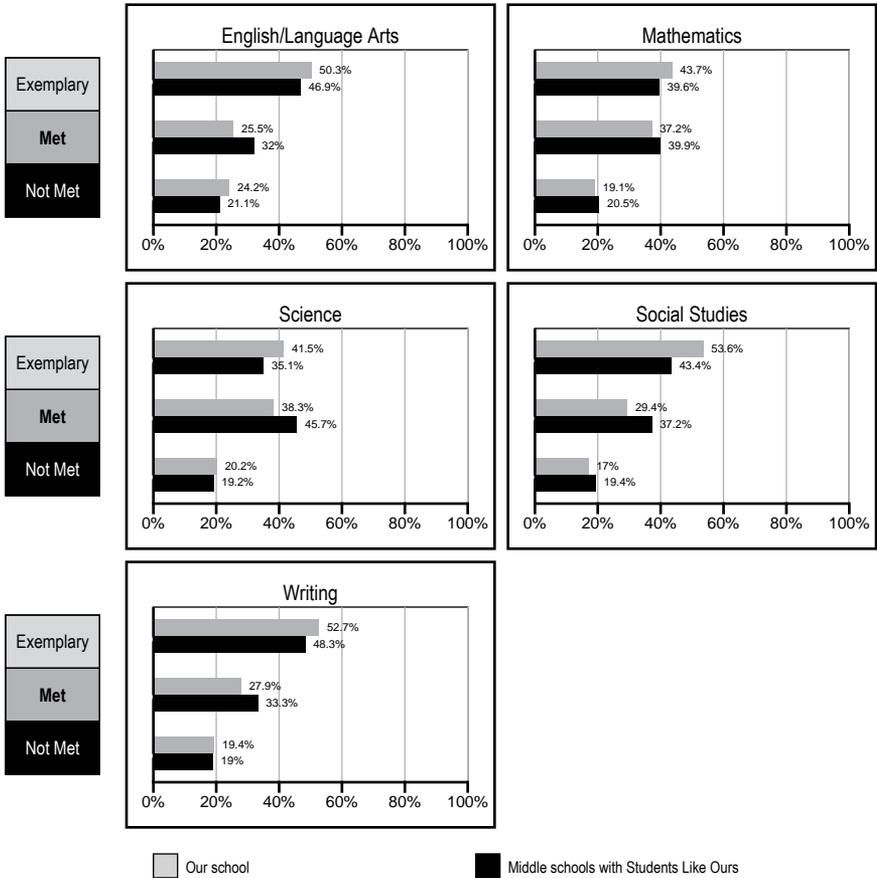
Percent of students tested in 2011-12 whose 2010-11 test scores were located | 97.5%

**ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\***

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
21	6	7	0	0

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012.

**Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS)**



\* Middle schools with Students Like Ours are middle schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

**Definition of Critical Terms**

Exemplary	"Exemplary" means the student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.
Met	"Met" means the student met the grade level standard.
Not Met	"Not Met" means that the student did not meet the grade level standard.

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End of Course Tests

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	100.0%	97.1%
English 1	100.0%	92.1%
Physical Science	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	9%
All Subjects	100.0%	96.0%

School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
<b>Students (n=688)</b>				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	66.2%	Up from 40.5%	35.5%	22.9%
Retention rate	0.0%	Down from 0.5%	0.7%	0.8%
Attendance rate	96.7%	Up from 95.5%	96.9%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
With disabilities other than speech	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Older than usual for grade	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.3%	Up from 0.2%	0.3%	0.5%
Annual dropout rate	0.7%	Up from 0.2%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n=55)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	61.8%	Down from 63.3%	62.1%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	81.9%	Down from 90.8%	88.8%	86.7%
Teacher attendance rate	95.4%	Down from 95.5%	95.3%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$51,399	Up 1.8%	\$47,714	\$46,422
Professional development days/teacher	12.2 days	Up from 9.4 days	9.7 days	10.0 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.1 to 1	Down from 22.8 to 1	23.4 to 1	22.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.2%	Up from 89.8%	91.2%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 99.2%	99.5%	98.8%
Character development program	Below Average	Down from Average	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,260	Down 5.5%	\$6,753	\$7,245
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	68.2%	Up from 67.6%	63.5%	63.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	67.4%	Up from 66.8%	62.2%	60.9%

\* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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**Report of Principal and School Improvement Council**

As a result of dedication and hard work by our many stakeholders, McCracken Middle School created a culture of collaboration, which led to a very successful 2011-2012 school year. During our first year as a middle school we had many notable accomplishments in athletics, arts, academics and our activities at the regional, state, and national level while maintaining our focus on the achievements of individual students. Building on a rich tradition of excellence our staff, parents, administration, and community provided tremendous support which made these successes possible.

Our students are led and inspired by a remarkable team of faculty and administration, who added honors to an already impressive trophy case. For the second year in a row we received the Palmetto Silver Award for academic excellence. Our Math Olympiad Team received a number of honors in their inaugural year. All three of our Wordmaster Teams ranked nationally with our 8th grade team ranking first in the nation. Students participating in the National French Exam did extremely well with two of our students ranking in the top ten. We continue to enjoy participating in the Duke TIP and Junior Scholars program with great success. Students in our performing arts garnered superior rankings in district, region and state competitions and had unprecedented achievements. This was the first year for our Green Sneaker Fiddlers, Orchestra After Hours Club, and our Chamber Orchestra along with our band's Brass Choir. Our chorus students working with our drama and art departments produced, "High School Musical" this year and performed to three sold out audiences.

Our students soared like Eagles with athletic successes. Our football team was the conference champion runner up, our basketball teams went to the playoffs, and in wrestling we had four students invited to the state playoff tournament which is a record for McCracken Middle School. Many of our young men participated in a book study led by our AD based on, Uncommon, by Tony Dungee. Our student athletes continue to develop and build on a strong platform of conditioning, skills, and character.

These remarkable hallmarks of our 2011-2012 journey are only possible because of our dedicated and dynamic staff, our cooperative parents, fantastic students and a network of supportive community stakeholders who share our commitment to excellence in education every day for every child.

Margaret Peach, Principal  
 Cathy Ellett, SIC Chairperson

**Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents**

	<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Students*</b>	<b>Parents*</b>
Number of surveys returned	60	212	83
Percent satisfied with learning environment	98.3%	81.0%	89.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	98.3%	83.3%	87.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	98.3%	90.0%	86.7%

\* Only students at the highest middle school grade level and their parents were included.

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**ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating System**

In July 2012, the South Carolina Department of Education was granted a waiver from several accountability requirements of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This waiver allowed SC to replace the former pass/fail system with one that utilizes more of the statewide assessments already in place and combine these subject area results with graduation rate (in high schools) to determine if each school met the target or made progress toward the target. This analysis results in a letter grade for the school rather than the pass/fail system of previous years. For a detailed review of the matrix for each school and districts that determined the letter grade, please use the following link: <http://ed.sc.gov/data/esea/> or request this information from your child's district or school.

<b>Overall Weighted Points Total</b>	<b>96.1</b>
<b>Overall Grade Conversion</b>	<b>A</b>

Index Score	Grade	Description
90-100	A	Performance substantially exceeds the state's expectations.
80-89.9	B	Performance exceeds the state's expectations.
70-79.9	C	Performance meets the state's expectations.
60-69.9	D	Performance does not meet the state's expectations.
Less than 60	F	Performance is substantially below the state's expectations

**Accountability Indicator for Title I Schools**

McCracken Middle School school has been designated as a:

- Title I Reward School for Performance - among the highest performing Title I schools in a given year.
- Title I Reward School for Progress – one of the schools with substantial progress in student subgroups.
- Title I Focus School – one of the schools with the highest average performance gap between subgroups.
- Title I Priority School – one of the 5% lowest performing Title I schools.
- Title I School – does not qualify as Reward, Focus or Priority School.
- Non-Title I School – therefore the designations above are not applicable.

**Teacher Quality and Student Attendance**

	<b>Our District</b>	<b>State</b>
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.7%	2.6%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.8%	5.1%

	<b>Our School</b>	<b>State Objective</b>	<b>Met State Objective</b>
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.9%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	96.7%	94.0%*	Yes

\* Or greater than last year

Abbreviations for Missing Data

Performance By Group

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Social Studies Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested
<b>Grades 6-8</b>						
All Students	660.3	661.9	647.3	657.9	99.9	99.9
Male	655.7	663.1	648.9	664.1	99.7	99.7
Female	665.4	660.7	645.6	650.8	100.0	100.0
White	680.0	679.3	664.2	677.6	99.8	99.8
African American	629.6	632.6	618.0	626.4	100.0	100.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Disabled	587.5	597.0	577.5	591.5	100.0	100.0
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized meals	628.3	634.5	620.0	626.5	99.7	99.7
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	624.0	624.0	624.0	624.0	95.0	95.0

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PASS Performance By Grade Level

	Grade	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Met or Exemplary
<b>English/Language Arts</b>							
<b>2011</b>	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	247	98.4	27	23.2	49.8	73
	8	256	98.8	20.7	27.2	52	79.3
<b>2012</b>	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	244	100	25	21.6	53.4	75
	7	219	100	22.5	26.3	51.2	77.5
	8	232	99.6	24.8	28.8	46.4	75.2
<b>Mathematics</b>							
<b>2011</b>	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	247	98.4	21.9	26.2	51.9	78.1
	8	256	98.8	24.8	46.3	28.9	75.2
<b>2012</b>	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	244	100	19.5	33.1	47.5	80.5
	7	219	100	19.7	38.5	41.8	80.3
	8	232	99.6	18	40.5	41.4	82
<b>Science</b>							
<b>2011</b>	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	247	98.4	23.5	34.6	41.9	76.5
	8	127	98.4	22	39.8	38.2	78
<b>2012</b>	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	121	100	28	43.2	28.8	72
	7	219	100	15.5	32.4	52.1	84.5
	8	117	100	20.5	44.6	34.8	79.5

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PASS Performance By Grade Level

	Grade	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Met or Exemplary
<b>Social Studies</b>							
<b>2011</b>	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	247	98.4	21.4	20.9	57.7	78.6
	8	129	96.9	16.3	30.1	53.7	83.7
<b>2012</b>	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	124	100	16.8	37.8	45.4	83.2
	7	219	100	14.6	28.2	57.3	85.4
	8	114	100	21.6	23.4	55	78.4
<b>Writing</b>							
<b>2011</b>	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	256	98.8	24.2	34.3	41.5	75.8
<b>2012</b>	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	228	99.6	19	28.1	52.9	81

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